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CHAPTER IV.

In the dining room they found the mother, a woman of about 40, with old fashioned ringlets. She was very like her daughter, but stout and heavy. She seemed much disturbed and greeted the newcomer with a severe and attentive gaze that made him shrink and decide in his own mind that he could not stay another hour in this house.

"Mamma!" cried Katia before her mother had time to say a word, "Vladimir Petrovich is afraid of our Vania. He has brought us news of him."

Mrs. Prozorov underwent a sudden transformation. She shook hands with the visitor rapturously, made him sit beside her and showered upon him so many questions that he had some difficulty in answering them all. The old nurse, who had brought up both brother and sister, was called in.

The servants were also sent for, and it was announced that their young master, whom they had feared must be dead, was in St. Petersburg, alive and well, and that his friend, going by on a journey, had come out of his way to bring the good news.

Mrs. Prozorov herself believed this version of the case. Vladimir's unexpected appearance at her house. She put the story to her by her daughter—who had not been able to keep the secret from her and had told her the whole truth—out of her mind as an absurdity. Was it likely that Vania's friend—and such a gentlemanly young man, too, with such good manners—should have jumped out of a train while it was going and run away from the police? He a highway robber? Her daughter must have been making fun of her, or perhaps the visitor had told the story of Katia as a joke, and Katia in her simplicity had taken it seriously.

Vladimir at once became for her a dear guest, for whom nothing was good enough.

After breakfast he rose, saying that it was time for him to go, and asked where he could get horses to continue his journey. Mrs. Prozorov held up her hands in protest.

"Why, little father, do you want, to desert us? You have had no time to tell us anything yet, and think of going already. Stay with us, please. We don't have such guests often."

"Yes, indeed, Vladimir Petrovich," Katia put in quietly, "Why are you in such a hurry?"

This slight encouragement on her part was enough to make him give in at once.

He would willingly have faced many dangers in order to stay a few days with this charming girl and to have the chance of converting her. Thus, at any rate, he tried to explain to himself the delight with which he accepted the invitation.

They lodged him in the little pavilion, and for the first three days he was perfectly happy. At table he talked with his hostess about her son, recollecting various details of his St. Petersburg life. Then he would go back to his own room and read any books he could find, or sit listening for the well known sound of light footsteps on the gravel path. For the first two or three days Katia was very anxious on his account and would run in for a minute every now and then to make sure that he was safe and sound and had not been carried off up the chimney by gendarmes.

After a bit, however, her anxiety calmed down, and she would come in simply to chat with him. Sometimes she would bring her embroidery with her and would sit with him for a long time. She was accustomed to the simplicity of country life, and on finding that the visitor was a friend of her brother she completely got over her shyness and behaved to him just as to an old friend. She talked to him a great deal about her brother, and with her Vladimir was not obliged to tax his memory in speaking of him. He was able to tell her about that side of her brother's life which he shared with him, and which was the only side that he knew—his opinions, convictions and political work. About all this side of Ivan's life he was, of course, obliged to be silent with the mother. Then the subject of conversation gradually shifted to Katia herself.

"Ivan and I were great friends," Vladimir said to her in one of their after dinner talks. "I wonder why he never spoke to me of you."

"Why should he speak of me?" she said without looking up from her work. "He knew that nothing will come of me."

"That is to say, he thought so," corrected Vladimir. "I have always observed that relatives never can judge of one another."

Katia smiled.

"Do you think so?" she said, raising her laughing eyes to his face. "I think that Vania knows me very well. He very nearly brought me up. You know, I was quite little when our father died. Of course he knew me well, and what he thought about me is the truth."

"If you say that, it only proves that you don't know yourself," said Vladimir simply and earnestly. "Judge of it yourself. Remember what you did and what you risked for me, a complete stranger to you. And here all round you are people struggling and suffering—people whom you know and whom I am sure you love. How am I to believe that you do not care to help them?"

"Yes, I often go to the village, and I am very fond of the peasants here. That is quite true," she answered. "And you must not think us worse than we are. Mother and I do help whenever we can," she added shyly.

"For mercy's sake, don't talk to me about charity!" exclaimed Vladimir. "Is that what you call help? What you give are the crumbs that fall from your table."

"But what ought one to do—give away one's fortune to the poor as Christ commanded?" the girl asked earnestly.

"One can certainly do that if one cares to," answered Vladimir. "That is not so hard to do. Only that is not enough, and that is not the main thing."

"Then what is the main thing?" she asked, looking at him with astonished eyes.

Vladimir looked steadily at her, and his gray eyes began to burn and glow.

"The main thing is to renounce your own self," he said. "It is to have no other care day or night than how to help those your brother calls brothers. It is to give up your soul to them. That is love and help indeed."

He began to talk to her about the people—their want and misery, their

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unfinished, something left unsaid, and she tried to control the agitation into which it had thrown her, but could not. The embroidery fell from her hands, and her cheeks flushed deeply. She held her breath as she listened.

"You see," Vladimir concluded quietly, "the way is plain. We shall not see the promised land. We are going toward it. Gird up your loins. Do you remember what the gospel says? Leave home and friends and come to us, to your brother."

"No, I will not go to you. I don't want bloodshed," she answered after a silence.

"We call people to self sacrifice, not to bloodshed," he answered. "It is not our fault that nothing in the world is ever accomplished without pain."

"No, no, that is not it. I will never join you," the girl repeated. "You spoke of the gospel. I believe that the whole truth is in it. What is wanted is that people should live as Christ taught, and then every one in the world will be happy and people will all live like brothers, and there will be no need to fight and kill each other. You see, we shall never agree," she added, bending over her work again.

At this point they were called to supper, and the conversation broke off.

Vladimir renewed it several times during the following days, but met with a degree of obstinate resistance which he had in no way expected. Katia was even no longer troubled by his talk. It seemed as if his words had lost for her their original charm. Her criticisms grew more and more decisive. She was not particularly gifted by nature, and with her the process of thinking was slow and difficult, but she thought seriously and conscientiously, following out a train of reasoning to its logical conclusion, and then holding fast to that conclusion. It was evident that she had been thinking deeply over what her guest had said. She had even caught up his terminology, and the result was that she stuck to her own point more firmly than ever.

"We disagree as to the means," she would say. She no longer added, "And will never agree upon that," but now Vladimir himself was inclined to think so. To meet with such obstinacy where he had expected an easy victory at first irritated the impatient young revolutionist and made him feel disappointed in this girl who had produced on him so strong and sudden an impression. But afterward he was forced to give way, and this still further increased her fascination. Vladimir, nervous and impulsive, perceived in this young girl a calm and steady strength of character which he himself did not possess, and his quickly fired enthusiasm awoke in a new form. Their relative positions underwent a great change. Now when Katia sat with her visitor it was not he, but she, who started political conversations. He, indeed, avoided them. What was the use of arguing? He had lost all hope of converting her. His self assurance was quite gone, and he became depressed and gloomy. Sometimes they would sit together without speaking a word.

"What is the matter with you?" asked Katia one day, observing the change in him. "You are not well."

"No, I am quite well. Why?" he asked in his turn.

"Why, you are so"—

"So' what? Sulky?" suggested Vladimir.

"M—yes, sulky."

"I don't know. I feel that way sometimes," he answered.

Their long discussions and the peculiar mental atmosphere in which they had passed these days had made intimate friends of them.

Several minutes passed in silence. Katia moved the lamp nearer and carefully examined the pattern traced on her work.

"What are you making?" Vladimir asked.

"A present for nurse," she answered, and then went on in another tone, as though thinking aloud, "I thought that people like you ought not even to know anything like—like depression." She hesitated a moment for a word. "You ought to be always happy and bright."

"Really! And why?"

"You have such a cause to work for," she went on. "You are so strong and brave."

"I—strong?" said Vladimir sadly. "It is you that are strong. Come to us in St. Petersburg, and you will see people who are very strong. But I am strong only when what you would call the Holy Spirit descends upon me, and now it has left me."

Katia looked at him in surprise. His whole mental condition was to her a book written in hieroglyphics, and she was not attracted by things which she could not understand. She decided that [illegible]

[illegible] who rose to go. But Vladimir's face at once expressed such sincere and infantine distress that she sat down again. In the hope of cheering him she began to talk to him about all sorts of trifles. He listened, sullenly enough.

She had now the most resemblance to a calm and collected man and he to a nervous and impressionable woman.

The next day—it was now the end of the week—Katia intended to go into the village after dinner and invited her guest to accompany her. After her first exaggerated fear for his safety she had passed into the stage of exaggerated confidence.

Vladimir, who realized the danger better than she did, refused. But when she had started he began to feel so depressed and sorry that he had not gone with her and was seized with so passionate a longing to go after and catch her up that he became quite confused and upset.

"Surely I am not"— came into his head.

He did not dare to finish the sudden thought, even to himself.

"Why, not Nonsense!" he said, giving himself a shake. "I've just got accustomed—got into the way of being with her. I've been dawdling about here too long."

He made up his mind to go the next day.

After supper, instead of going to his own quarters, as usual, he spent the evening with the lady of the house in order to say goodby to her, but he went back to his rooms without having said it. Katia was so sweet and her mother so amiable that he decided to put off his departure for another day.

"It's really safer," he thought, making excuses to himself. "The day after tomorrow will be Sunday, and there will be fewer policemen about."

But it was long before he could get to sleep that night, and he rose late next morning.

CHAPTER V.

He found the ladies at table and saw at once from their faces that they had been carrying on an animated discussion. On the table lay an open letter, written in a firm, legible, masculine hand.

"There is a letter from Pavel Alexandrovich," began Mrs. Prozorov. "He is coming to dinner. He always spends Sundays and holidays with us," she added in explanation.

Vladimir inquired who was this Pavel Alexandrovich, whom he had not the honor to know.

"Kroutikov, collegiate, councilor," the old lady explained. "He is special commissioner to the governor and a most admirable and attractive young man. I desire no better husband for my Katia."

Vladimir looked at her in astonishment.

"I am engaged to him," Katia put in shyly.

Vladimir's face changed. He felt a kind of stab at his heart. Katia engaged, and to an official! He had not expected that.

Mrs. Prozorov meanwhile went on enumerating the virtues of her future son-in-law, and this gave Vladimir time to recover himself. "What is it to me?" he said to himself, with a little shrug of his shoulders.

"You will probably want the pavilion I have been occupying," he said when the old lady stopped. "I meant to tell you yesterday that I ought to be going. Allow me to thank you for your hospitality."

"What do you want to go for?" Katia interrupted, interpreting his words in her own way. "You can trust Pavel Alexandrovich thoroughly, although he is an official. I want you to get to know him. He is a good man."

"I fully believe it, since you have chosen him," said Vladimir gravely. "But all the same I must go, and I beg you"—

"No, no. You're to stay. Please stay," Katia entreated. "I shall be hurt if you go."

"Stay, of course, Vladimir Petrovich," said Mrs. Prozorov. "Why should you suddenly want to go away? We have horses aren't shod yet. Pavel Alexandrovich is quite like a son of the house. He was very fond of Vania—though, of course, he disapproves of his views."

"He doesn't disapprove, mamma," Katia burst in. "I—I—I want to know best about that. I'll talk to him about you. Please leave that to me."

She was very much agitated, though she tried not to appear so. Somehow she felt herself to blame for not having told Vladimir beforehand of Pavel Alexandrovich's existence, although she had not intentionally concealed anything from him. She simply had not thought of it. And, for that matter, of what interest could it be to Vladimir whether she was going to be married and to whom?

She went back into the pavilion with him and was peculiarly friendly and kind, trying to repair her blunder and persuade him of the excellent qualities and views of Pavel Alexandrovich. But she did not succeed.

"A regular 'bureaucrat,' according to the latest fashion," he said to himself. "And this girl is going to marry such a man."

He listened to her without comment, and in the neutral manner enjoined by the laws of politeness. Something whispered to him that his meeting with this slimy bureaucrat, as he mentally represented the official to himself, would lead to no good. But to slip out of that meeting now would be cowardly.

Punctually at 12 o'clock a carriage drove up to the porch. Vladimir could hear the noise of the wheels from his pavilion. But he did not see the visitor until he was called to dinner. Kroutikov was a man of about 30, well dressed, but without any foppishness, and not in the least "slimy." His thick, jet black hair was cropped short, and his heavy jaw was smoothly shaven and shaded with blue. His features were large and regular and rather striking, but when he smiled his nose seemed to flatten up in a way that gave to his face a vulgar look. For the rest, he was very well aware of this defect and seldom smiled.

Katia introduced the two men to each other. Before her lover's arrival she had intended to tell who the visitor was, but when alone with Kroutikov she had omitted to tell him and so introduced Vladimir simply as "a friend of Vania." Kroutikov measured him with a quick glance. Vladimir's appearance was respectable enough. On the day after his arrival he had ordered some clean linen and a few other necessary things from the town through Mrs. Prozorov's bailiff. Nevertheless there was something about his whole appearance that at once made Kroutikov put him down in the category of the people that he (Kroutikov) peculiarly disliked, and to which his future brother-in-law belonged.

"Chips from the same block," he said to himself. "But how did he manage to get here?"

"Do you live in St. Petersburg, if I may ask?" he inquired amiably.

"That depends," answered Vladimir evasively. "I live mostly in St. Petersburg, but I do a good deal in other [illegible] You no doubt travel on business for the service, I presume."

"For the service, of course, else I should not go globe trotting," answered Vladimir, with hardly perceptible irony. "A man can't get on without serving in these times."

Kroutikov was [illegible] going to ask the visitor in what [illegible] he served, but refrained [illegible] Vladimir's appearance was [illegible] that of an official that Kroutikov convinced he must be either jesting or fibbing.

"It is long since you arrived [illegible] part of the world?" he asked politely in order to change the topic of conversation.

"A week ago," answered Vladimir.

"You have chosen a most enjoyable season. The Volga land is exceedingly attractive just now. Did you make your trip by steamer, if I may take the liberty of asking?"

"No. I made my trip by railway," answered Vladimir mockingly.

This infernal catechism irritated him, and yet he could not help being amused at the sight of what a grimace this self satisfied official would make if he knew in what manner the "trip" had been made. At present he [illegible] knew nothing about it, and Vladimir was very grateful to Katia for [illegible].

He [illegible] stung by the jesting tone of the visitor, which seemed to him insolent. He fixed upon Vladimir a penetrating, searching gaze. There had arisen in his mind a suspicion, which was growing into a certainty, that this thin young man was no other than the escaped "political" for whom the police were so zealously searching in the town. His personal appearance and the time of his arrival were in favor of the supposition. But how could he have come here? How was it that

"Have you heard the news, little mother?"

Katia had said nothing about it? Was it possible that she was in a plot with this personage to deceive him, Kroutikov? Or did she know nothing about it? He resolved to continue his gentle catechising of the stranger. But here Katia called them to table. She felt as though on tenterhooks, and seized the first opportunity to interrupt the conversation, which was approaching dangerous ground.

Kroutikov took his betrothed in to dinner and sat beside her. Vladimir sat opposite them with the old lady. During dinner Kroutikov had the conversation almost entirely to himself. He talked about his work in the service and about the governor, boastfully, speaking of his intimacy with the latter. Mrs. Prozorov quite glowed with pleasure and pride as she listened.

Suddenly Kroutikov, with the most innocent air, asked her:

"Have you heard the news, little mother? A political has escaped from the gendarmes. He jumped out of the train while it was going."

"Yes; Katia told me something about it," she answered quite simply.

Kroutikov had gone too far. He had put the question so carelessly that it had only reassured the old lady instead of alarming her.

"Oh, then you have heard of it, too?" he asked Katia, with an innocent face.

"Yes," she answered sharply, rising from the table. "Let us go and have our coffee in the drawing room. I can't bear people to sit over the table arguing," she added, although no one had been arguing at all.

Kroutikov cast a furtive glance at her. "She knows everything, and she's in a plot against me," he decided. He dropped the subject. In the drawing room he sat for some time silent and gloomy, then went up to his betrothed and took her aside. They began what was evidently an animated conversation.

"They're making it up," said Vladimir to himself. He drank his coffee and went away to his own rooms.

He felt that it would be repulsive—unbearable to him—to remain any longer in this house. He must go—he must escape—now—this very minute. He did not like the idea of slipping away without Katia's knowledge, but she would understand. He would leave a letter for her.

He sat down at once to write it, but when written the letter did not please him. He burned it, then wrote another and burned that, too, and ended by leaving only a few lines:

"I thank you most earnestly for all you have done for me and beg you to forgive my being obliged to leave your house without saying goodby to you."

He signed this note, "Yours, Vladimir Volgin," and laid it in the book which had helped to make them friends. Then he replaced the book on its shelf.

"If she remembers me at all, she will guess where to look," he thought. He went out into the garden and through the little gate on to the path leading down to the river. No one noticed him. He walked down the path toward the mooring place and saw the boat in which he had accomplished his memorable journey.

How short a time ago it had all happened and how much he had felt and lived through since then! He walked on down the path, lost in thought. All that had happened in this week was now past history for him—past history that could never be recalled, that was already tinged with the soft shades of vanished memories.

At a turn of the path he stopped and looked back, to take a last glance at the house where lived the girl who—he was willing to acknowledge it to himself now—had for a moment filled his heart and imagination. He was in the act of mentally saying farewell to her forever when suddenly a man's voice called him by name. Before him stood Kroutikov, arm in arm with Katia. They had been for a walk along the river bank and were now returning to the house.

"So you have been taking a stroll, too," remarked Kroutikov, with his flat smile.

He was much more amiable now than he had been at dinner time, as he wished to please Katia, with whom, as was easy to see, he had been having a full explanation.

"Yes, I came out for a walk," Vladimir said constrainedly, and glancing at Katia.

"Who could sit at home in such lovely weather?" she said.

There was only the merest shadow of an arch smile about her lips, but her eyes and all her bright, animated face seemed to sparkle and quiver with suppressed laughter. She had guessed at once the motive of Vladimir's "stroll," and this accidental discovery of the fugitive in the act amused her immensely.

"Well, do you want to go on with your solitary walk and leave us to the mercies of fate?" asked Katia in a jesting tone that only he understood.

"Thank you, no, I'll walk some other time," answered Vladimir, smiling back at her. "I'll go back with you now."

CHAPTER VI.

They returned to the house together. A messenger with a black leather bag followed them at a little distance. He had just arrived from the town with important papers sent by the governor.

"There, you see," said Kroutikov lightly, nodding in the direction of his satellite, "our work is pretty hard too. Even in this peaceful retreat," he went on, with a clumsy attempt at gallantry, "devoted, one may say, to Cupid and the Muses, even here we are pursued by business in the shape of this Hermes."

They went into the drawing room. The old lady was not there. She was finishing her after dinner nap up stairs. Kroutikov went into his own room to look through the newly arrived papers, and Katia and Vladimir were left alone.

"Well, are you very much grieved that we disturbed you just as you were running away?" she asked, laughing.

"Grieved, but very much," answered Vladimir. "I shall go away tonight in any case, and now I have a chance of saying goodby to you in person, Katerina Vasilyevna."

"There's not the slightest need for you to be in such a hurry to run away from here. You're safer here than anywhere else now. I have told everything to my betrothed, and you can rest assured that your secret is in good hands."

"I fully believe it and am grateful to him for his generosity," answered Vladimir coldly. "But all the same, allow me to say goodby."

Katia pouted and shrugged her shoulders.

"I'll tell you what I think," she said after a moment's pause. "That is not nice of you."

"What is not nice? That I don't want to live on your bounty for the rest of my natural life?" asked Vladimir petulantly.

"No, no," she answered. "It is not nice of you to be so intolerant. I know"—

She was interrupted by the entrance of Kroutikov. His usually self satisfied, imperturbable face expressed agitation and a sort of despondent perplexity. He held an open letter in his hand.

"What is the matter? What has happened?" cried Katia.

"There's a—news just come—about Vania," said Kroutikov unwillingly.

"News? Tell me quickly. Oh, make haste!" she cried imploringly.

"It's very unfortunate," Kroutikov began, "but of course it would have had to come sooner or later, because all these—a—a—fancies couldn't lead to a good end." He glanced sideways at Vladimir. "In short, Vania is arrested."

The word fell like a thunderbolt. Katia gave a

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East Smethport, Pa., Dec. 24, 1897.

WHAT's the matter with Hanna?

POLITICIANS are like kaleidoscopes, subject to lightning changes.

LAST Friday President McKinley nominated Henry K. Boyer as superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia. State Senator John H. Landis of Lancaster county will undoubtedly be appointed coiner of the mint.

GOVERNOR HASTINGS has issued a proclamation calling upon those who sympathize with the distressed of Cuba to donate of their means to alleviate the wants of the suffering Cubans, who are battling so nobly for freedom. The mayors of Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburg and Scranton are authorized to receive all donations offered.

THERE appears to be something the matter with Hanna out in Ohio.—McKean Democrat. What is it? The Republican voters of Ohio gave him almost unanimous support at the polls last fall, and he has been elected to the United States Senate for the short and long term. What more could the old Buckeye State do? Sam as a prophet you are not a success.

THE coming year promises to be one of the busiest years for the manufacturing industries in the history of the country. An indication of the freight traffic anticipated is shown by the statement of an official of the Pullman Car Company, who says that the company already has more orders in hand than ever before at this time. The Baltimore & Ohio and Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and branch lines have alone placed an order for 4,000 cars, to be used for freight traffic.

THE MINER takes great pleasure this week in announcing the names of Col. Lucius Rogers of Kane, Andrew Benson of Bradford, and C. W. Mitchell of this borough as candidates for delegates to the Republican State convention. All three gentlemen are thorough Republicans and will be staunch supporters of Hon. C. W. Stone for governor. The location of these candidates is excellent, one in the southwest, one in the northern and one in the eastern part of the county. Col. Rogers is well acquainted with all the leading men in the State. Mr. Benson is one of our leading Swedish citizens and will make an efficient delegate. Mr. Mitchell, as chairman of the Republican County Committee will carry weight as a delegate aside from his personal popularity. The selection is excellent and ought to meet with the approval of the Republican voters of the county.

THE MINER is pleased to announce to the many readers this week that T. F. Richmond, our esteemed townsman, has announced himself as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county. Mr. Richmond has always been a staunch Republican, putting forth his best efforts for the upbuilding of the party. He is a man in the prime of life, vigorous and healthy, and well qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires. This section of the county has not been represented at Harrisburg since the session of 1895, when Hon. Robert H. Rose so ably discharged that duty. Thus, this term having expired, this section offers the name of Mr. Richmond as a candidate for that honored position, feeling that the other sections of the county will acquiesce in the matter. He has represented Elkhorn a year [illegible] of the county convention.

In the proper column will be found the announcement of A. W. Boyd of Sawyer City for Treasurer of McKean county, subject to the rules that govern the Republican party. Mr. Boyd was born and raised in this county and is one of her most foremost citizens. The MINER takes pleasure in copying from the trenchant pen of Professor Cooper of the Bradford Sunday Herald the endorsement of Mr. Boyd, and coming from a Democratic standpoint will have its influence. "We announce in this issue of the Herald the candidacy of A. W. Boyd of Foster township as a candidate for County Treasurer. Mr. Boyd possesses in many respects exceptionally strong elements of strength. He is well known, exceedingly popular and a very capable and progressive business man. Mr. Boyd was born in the township where he now resides, in 1846, and during those years was prominently identified with the development of McKean county. He was in the war of the great rebellion, enlisting in the 78th N. Y. Vols., at Buffalo, which was afterward merged into the 102nd New York. Possibly no man in the county stands nearer the agricultural interests than Mr. Boyd, being a practical farmer himself. He has also followed largely the lumber business in McKean county, and has been prominently identified with the development of its oil interests. No more available candidate could be brought before the people than Mr Boyd. Prominent in Grand Army circles, in all the Masonic orders and the Elks—a stanch friend of the farmer and closely affiliated with the oil and lumber interests of the county, and generally popular with all classes. Mr. Boyd at once becomes an ideal candidate, and if successful will make a safe and capable official."

THE MINER desires to make the following suggestions to the voters of this borough to govern them in future caucuses. Heretofore there has been considerable kicking after the nominations had been made that certain voters had had no voice in the nominations, owing to the fact that the business had been closed before their arrival. The way former caucuses have been conducted was on this plan. As soon as a dozen or fifteen voters were present they would proceed to nominate candidates for the different offices to be filled. Perhaps in a quarter of an hour a larger number would arrive, but the nominations having been made these men would have no voice in the matter. Now to obviate this difficulty, the MINER offers this mode of procedure. Say for instance that at least four days prior to the time the caucus is to be held that each candidate presents his name to the committeeman with a sufficient sum of money to defray the printing of the tickets. Then when the voters meet and organize they can elect their clerks and keep a regular list of the votes cast, thus giving every voter an opportunity to have a voice in the matter even though he does not arrive until one minute before the polls close. It is to be hoped that this plan or one better will be adopted at the coming caucus.

FREE SILVERITES, Democrats and renegade Republicans tried their utmost to thwart the will of a large Republican majority in Ohio in an effort to defeat M. A. Hanna for United States Senator. Last fall Mr. Hanna was endorsed for that position by every county in the Buckeye State, except four, by good sized majorities. Yet, in spite of the above facts, these men, whose object was rule or ruin, seemed determined to carry their point regardless of the wishes of the people. When the legislature organized on the first Monday of the year, it looked as though these pirates would carry their point. But an adjournment was made last week and these would be Judases went to their homes and the riot fact was undoubtedly read to them by their constituents. When the legislature convened last Tuesday Mr. Hanna was the choice of the caucus by a majority of one, where he should have received the vote of every Republican member in that body.

MR. JOHN W. CAMPBELL of Kane has decided to again enter the race for nomination for county treasurer and announcement appears in its proper place in the Record. Mr. Campbell is a gentleman so well and favorably known to the voters of McKean county that it would seem almost superfluous to introduce him in this column to the public. Yet, as he was a candidate in 1894 for the same position and received a very complimentary vote, it is well to note that fact and state that his many friends have prevailed upon him to again be a candidate and they will make every endeavor for his success. Should the treasurership fall in to the hands of Mr. Campbell it is absolutely safe to say that the greatest business capacity and honesty will attend the conduct of its affairs.—Bradford Record.

THE announcement of Representative E. A. Dempsey of Bradford will be found in the proper place. Two years ago when there were six candidates in the field Mr. Dempsey, with Mr. North, carried off the honors against some of the ablest men in McKean county. Mr. Dempsey served his term in the lower House with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In accordance with the customary rule he now seeks a renomination, which the Republican voters of McKean will undoubtedly concede to him. He faithfully served his country during the trying days of 61 to 65, enlisting as a private and discharged as First Lieutenant of Co. E, 12lst Reg't, Pa. Vol. Mr. Dempsey was elected mayor of Bradford some years ago and has held various offices of trust. He is a staunch Republican at heart.

MAJOR MOSES P. HANDY, the eminent newspaper man of Washington, D. C., died at Augusta, Ga., Jan'y 8. The Major had been ill for several months.

The Sun

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E. E. CHAMBERS.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan 10, 1898.

Help us modify the civil service law, or we will join hands with the Democrats and repeal the entire law. That, in effect, is the notice that the hundred odd Republican members of the House who favor modification of this law have served upon the other Republican members of the House during the debate, which is not yet over. There has been much plain talk on the subject and there will be more. A sample is the following, from the speech of Representative Hepburn of Iowa. "In some things the old system, at its worst, was superior to the new. My colleagues in this House know the qualifications of their constituents, and in the selection of candidates for office have everything at stake. I believe that there is greater probability of probity, inaction, wisdom in selection and beneficence in results in the old system than in this darkened, subterranean, irresponsible method we have fallen into in this later time." Representative Clark of New Hampshire said he favored modification of the law and was willing to leave it to the wisdom of the Civil Service Committee as to how far, but that "any old thing" was better than the present law. That committee is now considering the bill introduced last week, which confines the operation of the civil service law to positions paying from $900 to $1,800 a year, inclusive, and to localities where the employees exceed 25 in number.

The treaty for the annexation of Hawaii was to-day taken up by the Senate, and the intention is to hold daily executive sessions for its consideration until it is disposed of. The policy of the friends of annexation is to allow its opponents to do most of the talking, so as to get the debate over as soon as possible, in order that there may be no excuse for delaying a vote. It is now the general belief that the treaty will be ratified, owing to the announcement of the number of Senators who were in doubt of their intention to vote for ratification.

The last European nation to take a place in the line of applicants for a reciprocity treaty with the United States is Germany, the country which made a bluff when the Dingley tariff bill was pending that was promptly called by Congress and President McKinley. The clause of the tariff that brought Germany's pride down to asking for reciprocity is that which imposes additional duty upon sugar brought from countries that pay an export bounty on sugar. When the German ambassador requested that reciprocity negotiations be opened he was informed that his government must take the first step by agreeing to remove the restrictions now imposed upon American cattle and beef imported into Germany.

The administration is doing everything possible to expedite the sending of food to the Klondike regions, as the President and all the members of the cabinet believe that relief will be needed by the gold seekers before regular traffic is resumed on the Yukon river. Agents of the government are now bringing a number of reindeer from Norway to carry the food, which will all be ready and on the ground when the reindeer get to Alaska.

There is probably no provision of the Constitution of the United States that furnishes more proof of the wisdom of its makers, or that is more revered by our people, than that which provides for our judiciary system. But nothing suits the Populists, except personal notoriety or pain for themselves, and Senator Butler of North Carolina, who aims at being the Populist boss, wants an entirely new judiciary system, the judges to be elected for terms of eight years, and has offered a joint resolution proposing to amend the constitution in accordance with his ideas. There isn't the slightest probability of any such change, but that it should be even proposed is a warning to the country of what might be expected should the people ever allow the Bryanites to get on top.

During the three days that the Senate was in session in the week just closed President McKinley sent more nominations to the Senate than in any single week since he was inaugurated, but some of them were recess appointments.

Old accountants were not surprised when it was found necessary to abandon the Dockery system of auditing postmasters' accounts, because of discovered frauds. This system was adopted during the Cleveland administration as the result of an investigation by a commission, headed by Representative Dockery of Missouri, and it was pointed out at the time that it was full of opportunities for fraud. No less than nine ways in which a dishonest postmaster could rob the government have been discovered by Sixth Auditor Castle, who has thrown out the system and introduced a new one. The new system was specially intended to detect the frauds made possible by the Dockery system of auditing postoffice money order accounts. Auditor Castle will ask Congress to authorize the employment of a special force to go over and check up the old accounts, believing that the stolen money can be recovered and the thieves punished, by securing proofs of the thefts.

THE Warren Mail tells us that the Swedish residents of Bradford and vicinity have indorsed Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren as their candidate for Governor. They are very good people and they have indorsed a very good man. The Honorable Charles W. Stone is a credit to the old Keystone State.—Phila. Inquirer.

The Inquirer is correct in saying that "the Honorable Charles W. Stone is a credit to the old Keystone State." Not only a credit to the State, but the nation as well, and this neck of the woods will exert every honorable means to place him in the executive chair at Harrisburg. The nomination of Hon. C. W. Stone as our standard bearer during the coming State campaign would do more towards healing the factional fight in the Republican party in the State than any other man that could be named. He is eminently qualified, a thorough Republican, sound on the financial question, and is not affiliated with any clique or faction. Consequently he is a man upon whom all Republicans could unite and roll up a majority that will eclipse that given to McKinley in 1896.

G. W. BEES of Keating township is a candidate on the Republican ticket for school director, and hopes that all good men of the township will come to his support.

The Philadelphia Times of Monday truthfully remarks: "Politics may make strange bed fellows, but they don't mind it so long as they get in the public crib."

NEHEMIAH RICE of Keating township is a candidate on the Democratic ticket for school director and invites all good men of the township to rally around his standard.

JAY GOULD says he is willing to give $20,000 to Bob Fitzsimmons for a contest. Why, Jay, you've got $20,000,000 and the man who will whip Fitzsimmons must be built [illegible]

COMMUNICATED.

KEEPER MINER: In answering your first issue of the MINER for the year 1898 it is interesting to note communicated kicks [illegible] seemingly come [illegible]

Have "anyone" school directors [illegible] In our opinion, [illegible] scribers have rights that [illegible] bound to respect.

It is interesting to some at least to read kicks and it may be interesting to some to read replies to kicks therefore with regrets that some one more capable does not reply I submit the following, a kick "communicated," signed "Interested."

Isn't it a conundrum how it is that any pupils have to walk 3 miles to school when no two consecutive schools in Keating township are over 4 miles apart? Supposing the school board had done what they attempted to do by locating one school house where they could accommodate about 30 pupils where formerly it took the expense of running three schools to accommodate the same number of pupils, they have taken a wise and judicious step, notwithstanding the fact that it is a little more expensive this year. It will be a saving of the expense of running two less schools each succeeding year, and therefore be economy in the end, a step in the right direction. Furthermore, it is a well known fact that a teacher can do justice to 50 or 60 pupils as well as from 8 to 12 pupils.

"Interested" cites the directors as giving one reason for closing the schools (I think it should read for consolidating the schools) that they have run the township in debt $1,500. This was necessary, says "Interested," to build a school house where one had burned and the insurance had been allowed to expire by one of the directors and a taxpayer as well, for all of our directors are taxpayers. "Interested" goes on to say that the directors pay higher wages in Keating township than Eldred, Liberty or Annin township pay teachers and we cannot see as our schools are any better than other township schools. May I ask "Interested" how many schools he has visited in Keating, Eldred, Liberty or Annin township in the last 3 years? I'll venture to say that he has not been into 3 school houses during a session of school in the 3 years. Yet he can't see that our schools are any better than other township schools. We see, not with the eye, but with the brain behind the eye with what we have seen and what we know.

I think we can't expect to have better schools than other townships have so long as our teachers are so poorly paid. Out of the 20 school districts in this county only five pay smaller wages than Keating and not one levies a mill less tax and only three others besides Keating levies no mill building tax while some levy 13 mills.

Now if "Interested" would like to see better schools than what we have I would suggest that he visit some township or borough school where every teacher is paid better wages than the very best pay any teacher gets in Keating township and where they have a supervising principal as well. There must be some continued system to accomplish the best results.

Now "Interested" suggests to pay that $1,500 in indebtedness caused by the negligence of one of the directors to lower the teachers wages for a year or two that would balance the books. Now let's see. We have about 25 teachers and $1,500 indebtedness. How much would we have to lower each teacher's wages? $1,500 divided by 25 equals $60. $60 off from each teachers wages as a tax to pay the indebtedness caused by the negligence of one director seems to me to be a little unjust. Interesting for the teachers, indeed! Now why doesn't "Interested" suggest that the directors levy a 2 or 3 mill building tax to pay for building school houses, as they do in the other 19 school districts in McKean county. I suppose it would touch his pocket book a dollar's worth. Now wouldn't it be better that the taxpayers pay a dollar or so apiece than to require teachers to pay $60 each, which would reduce their wages over $8.50 per month? How wonderfully willing some forms of humanity are to pay in debtedness out of some other person's pocket!

To Royal Ellis, president, and his colleagues: Outside of a few kickers, your conduct in consolidating schools in this township, to lower expenses is commendable, and furthermore we wish to remind you that if you wish to continue in said office, or ask for any other office of trust in this township, your action refered to above will raise you in the estimation of many voters of the thinking class.

It is known that there are some who would like to have a school house just across the road from where they live so that they could board the teacher and if her salary would pay her board bill that is all they would care about.

Some of those who signed that petition were at the polls early and late a year ago and worked to elect a man who was in favor of lower taxes and now that it has not been done to their particular way, bench the Kick. We would like to remind these kickers that school directors can't run schools to suit all but if they run them according to law no public official can remove them from office or anyone be put in their term expires. If elected from his Ward, sleep and gaze around he will find that the new school house is not vacant but school there for about 2 months past with an average attendance of 25 pupils which is as much as the average attendance of the three schools before they were consolidated, for the 3 previous years.

NON INTERESTED.

THE ADVANTAGES OF SMALL VERSUS LARGE SCHOOLS.

The recent declaration of the school board of Keating township, that they intended abandoning the numerous small schools of said township, and building new and large school houses five miles apart, has aroused a storm of opposition on the following ground:

First, the existing school houses represent the investment of large amounts of capital. Many are comparatively new, all are in good repair. Not being adapted to other uses, these school houses would not bring at public sale one-tenth part of their cost. We are credibly informed that when the school house in Kent Hollow was offered at private sale the highest bid received was $50, for a building in perfect repair costing $700.

Second, the road taxes would eventually be increased, as no matter how severe the storm, or how badly the roads were drifted, they would have to be opened for the teams conveying the children from the numerous by-roads. The opinion of experts is that all the roads cannot be kept open without great expense.

Third, crowding large numbers of pupils together is not conducive to health. Very often a school will be closed on account of some epidemic disease, as, for instance, scarlet fever, etc., while the adjoining schools are running all right.

Fourth, where children are crowded together in large numbers teachers cannot give individual scholars the necessary attention and assistance requisite in well rounded development.

Fifth, where the schools are crowded the morals of the children are sure to suffer. It has been said that the public school is the hot bed of vice—too often this is true where the teacher has too many under her care. She cannot give the care she would like toward the upbuilding of a high moral standard.

Sixth, the people are almost to a unit opposed to the abandonment of any of the township schools. This has been ascertained by personal canvass.

Seventh, the will of the people should rule. School directors have no right by law to dictate to taxpayers. Voters of Keating township, you are awake to the situation. Turn out to the caucuses and nominate men who will listen to the voice of the people and be guided by their [illegible]

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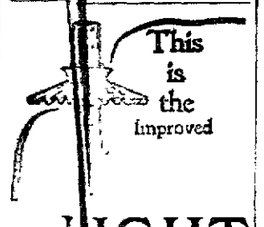

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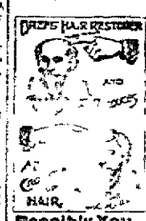

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, JAN. 14, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Send in your job work.

—Subscribe for the MINER.

—Spring election February 15th.

—See new advertisement of Dr. Hicks of Kane.

—The county auditors commenced their duties last Monday.

—There is talk of extending the trolley line from Bradford to Lewis Run.

—Dr. Chadwick's hot bullion, coffee, chocolate, etc., are becoming quite popular.

—McCoy's drug store advertises great bargains in books this week. Read the adv.

—Bradford Tent, No. 4, K.O.T.M., has a membership of 86, the largest in the world.

—The glass works at Kane have started up once more and the denizens of that town are happy.

—The postoffice at Watsonville, this county will be discontinued to-morrow says the Warren Mail.

—Miss Cora Matthews and Mr. A. N. Tremer have letters awaiting them at the Smethport postoffice.

—There will be a meeting of the Republican County Committee at the St. James Hotel in Bradford at 2 p. m. to-morrow.

—There were only nine boarders at the jail last Monday. Mr. Davis says this is the smallest number he has had during his term.

—Mr. Heinemann of Colegrove started the drill at his new well above his saw mill Wednesday. May he strike a gusher.

—Attention is called to the Racket Store adv. and the extremely low prices offered. Give the Racket a call and be surprised.

—Dr. E. R. Baker will be absent from his dental parlors next week. During his absence Dr. L. A. Wolters will attend to all business.

—W. H. and Burt Parkinson of Marshburg were brought to Castle Davis last Friday for malicious mischief. Bail was furnished Saturday.

—The postal laws forbid lounging or scuffling in postoffices and require the postmaster to appeal to the civil authorities to preserve order.

—Robert Hugus is the newly installed sheriff of Clarion county. He ought to make a very efficient official and be very popular with the ladies.

—Raymond Nichols of Bradford was released from jail Monday, under the insolvent act, for assault and battery, after serving the county three months.

—Letter and note heads, envelopes, statements and all kinds of job work done with neatness and dispatch at this office. Send in your mail orders.

—Our popular druggist, H. C. Wells, has a new and attractive adv. in this issue. Do not fail to give him a call if in need of anything in his line. Call him up by telephone.

—Mrs. Gifford, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Wells, Miss Hibbard, Miss King and Miss Eulalia King gave a pleasant card and dancing party at the opera house last night. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

—Chas. E. Miller expects to visit one of the large cities in a few days to consult some noted occulist. Lately he has experienced considerable trouble with his eyes. May he receive a permanent cure is the wish of the MINER.

—Misses Carrie and Minnie Barrett gave a pleasant sleigh-ride party to a number of their young friends last Saturday night. A straw ride to Hazelhurst was enjoyed by the jolly party, after which Mrs. Barrett feasted them on oysters.

—The music at St. Luke's church last Sunday evening was exceptionally fine. Miss Alice McCoy's solo was well rendered and when the full chorus joined in the large edifice was filled with such music as is rarely heard in any of the churches.

—The great "rock and bull" story reported in the Buffalo Express of last Wednesday, stating that the Hall & Kaul company had sold their mining interests to the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railway, is all a hoax. There was some such talk, but it never materialized.

—Brother Jonathan C. Gallup will please accept the congratulations of the MINER over his appointment as postmaster of this borough. The honor will be more highly appreciated as he had for an opponent one of the most hard working and energetic men in the county. Cigars.

—Henry Biever of this place claims to have driven the team that drew the first street car in the city of Buffalo. The tracks were laid from the Central depot to Main street and up that thoroughfare as far as the Genesee House, and for that distance he drove the car, when a boy, before the war.

—The Olean-Alaska Gold Mining Company has disposed of the larger portion of its stock. Port Allegany parties purchased 10,000 shares yesterday.—Olean Times, Tuesday. The Port Alleganyites are evidently investing their surplus cash in Klondike gold mining stock, in preference to glass plants.

—The diphtheria in the Husted family, mention of which was made in last week's issue, created some alarm and last Saturday when the nurse, Miss Bertha Kerns, was taken with the disease still greater excitement prevailed. At this writing all are considered out of danger and there is no fear of any new cases.

—The MINER is in receipt of "Melodia School and Home Melodies." It is a neat little book of original song gems for the family circle and for use in schools, price 40 cents. Published by the Melodia Co., Toledo-on-the-Maumee, Ohio. This is a very fine work and full of very beautiful songs, set to music for the young.

—Two horses were so badly injured on the Extract job on Cole Creek last Saturday that they had to be killed. One of the animals, belonging to John S. Cody, was struck by a log which completely severed one of its feet from the ankle. The other horse has its leg broken about half an hour after the first accident.

—In these days of syndicated newspaper matter it is a relief to read the Illustrated Buffalo Express. That journal buys the best of the syndicated work, but continues to make its leading features the work of its own writers and artists. The Express is wise to adhere to this policy, for it makes a paper of wider news value and much higher literary quality, than is possible where one relies on cheap syndicates. The Illustrated Express deserves its popularity.

—A writer from the oil country recommends crude oil for the public roads. He mentions the fact that three years ago a ping was forced out of an oil line near Grand Valley, which permitted oil to run over the road. Since that time the piece of highway has been in good condition. In wet weather it does not become muddy and in dry weather there is no dust.—Titusville Herald. If the above is correct it would pay to give Main street a dressing of that kind next year.

—Our esteemed citizen, Erastus Curtis, favored this office with a pleasant call last Friday. He came to this county in 1847 and settled on his farm below East Smethport where he resided until 5 years ago, when he moved to this town. He has been a regular subscriber to the MINER since it first started in 1863. He stated to the MINER man that he had taken the Hamilton Republican for 68 years. Mr. Curtis is 88 years of age and remarkably well preserved. He looks hale and hearty enough to reach the century mark.

—Yesterday the engine which is used in running the presses in the Republican office broke down, and but for the kindly assistance of the Leader it is doubtful if the daily edition could have been issued. Mr. Wood, after hearing of our predicament, very promptly offered the use of his press, which was accepted and the edition run off, for which we return thanks with the assurance that should opportunity afford, the compliment will be turned.—Saturday's Kane Republican. It is such little amenities that assist in tiding over the rough places through life.

—Editor Laymon of the Hardwick Gazette gets off the following good advice to young men: "Young man, when you jeer a lady passing along the street or haunt or startle her with your glances, does it occur to you that some other scoundrel might insult your sister, your wife, or, in coming years, your daughter. In the same infamous manner? How would you like that? Would you think it smart? Would you regard it as manly or an evidence of blood? If so, you ought to be kicked from one end of the continent to the other and horse-whipped back."

—The C. L. S. C. will meet next Tuesday at the usual time at Colegrove. A new book, "Roman Life in the Days of Cæsar," will be commenced in the following and some interesting facts may be gleaned by those wishing to attend.

—Thirteen of our thorough-bred local sports visited a certain fair ground in this county last Tuesday night and witnessed a cock fight between Olean and Coudersport birds. The usual hilarious sport was indulged in, but the Oleanders' birds had their combs picked and their tail feathers ruffled by the birds from the leek digging county. The wee sma' hours of the morning saw our sports returning from their visit to the Davis farm.

Public Installation.

Installation services of the officers of McKean Post, No 347, G.A.R. and W. R.C., No. 22, were held in the I.O.O.F. hall Thursday night, Jan. 6. An open meeting was held and Past Commander H. M. Choate installed the following officers:

Commander, E. R. Mayo; J. V. C., Orrin Brink; Chaplain, J. Colegrove; Surgeon, Jos Henderson, Q. M., R. F. Wright; O. D., S. G. Bush; O. G., Geo. Irons. The Commander-elect appointed H. L. Burlingame as adjutant, and the adjutant appointed J. Hafner as Sergeant-major.

Mrs. A. Horton from Corps No. 85, Johnsonburg, installed the following officers of the W. R. C: President, Mrs. Helen S. Morrison; S. V. President, Mrs. Rebecca Kerns; J. V. President, Mrs. Alice Burlingame; Chaplain, Mrs. B. F. Wright; Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Thamm; Conductor, Mrs. Judith Pratt; Secy, Mrs Rose Peirce.

Speeches were made by comrades, T. A. Morrison and E. R. Mayo, also Rev. I. T. Walker. Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Horton made excellent addresses to the post and corps. Music was furnished by the McCoy family and the drum corps, after which refreshments were served in the basement of the court house. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Eleck-Barnes Marriage.

The MINER clips from the Daily Mail of Ludington, Mich., the following pleasant marriage notice of Mr. H. G. Eeck and Miss Theresa N. Barnes, a neice of our esteemed townsman H. L. Burlingame. Theresa visited relatives here about 4 years ago:

Our young friend, H. G. Eeck, who conducts the legal business of the thriving city of Ludington, has gone the way that many of Ludington's accomplished young bachelors long have sought and mourned because they found it not. To be "brief," however, the aforesaid young man, with no malice aforethought, but with only a desire to promote his own happiness and that of the estimable young lady whose name will more fully appear hereinafter, has taken unto himself a wife, his happy marriage with Miss Miss Theresa N. Barnes having taken place this morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Palmatier officiating clergyman. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were in attendance, and the affair was entirely without ostentation or display. The bride has been one of the most efficient and valuable school teachers, and a young lady of rare attainment and lovable character. The newly wedded couple announce that they will be at home to their friends after January 10, at 601 north Charles street, a pleasant little home which was purchased by Mr. Eeck last summer.

Can't Get Along Without the Miner.

"Col. Jackson's" wheezy hand organ slips a cog this week and fails to come forth to gladden (?) the hearts of its readers. "Barney" adopts this back number proceedings in order that he may touch elbows with his friend, Kris Kringle, and make his peace with his fellow men. The "Colonel" is one of the newspaper men that you read of—McKean Democrat, December 31. * * * It is expected, that inasmuch as "Colonel Bob Jackson" has got through his romp with Santa Claus, the only original official bandorgan will make its appearance again this week.—McKean Democrat, Jan. 7

If we had supposed for a moment, that the non-appearance of the MINER for one week, during the holidays, would have thrown Mr. Lindsley into a "conniption fit" for two consecutive issues of his nondescript sheet, the MINER would have greeted its readers on that week as usual. Well, Sam, if you are a real good boy during the year perhaps the MINER may appear before your anxious gaze during the coming holiday week.

Revival Services.

Special evangelistic services opened in the Methodist church on New Year's eve, at the watch-night meeting. Interest has constantly increased up to the present. Last Sunday the congregations were large and evinced deep thoughtfulness. In the evening at the invitation of the pastor, Dr. Walker, three persons rose for prayer and after the close of the meeting went to the altar to converse with the pastor. The work of revival assumes larger dimensions each evening. On Saturday at 3 o'clock there will be a meeting for the children in the church parlors, under the direction of the pastor. The pastor will preach from the following topics next Sunday: Morning, "The Militant Church; or conditions which assure victory." In the evening, "The conversion of Lydia; or Christians in high places."

Borough Caucus.

Notice is hereby given that the Republican borough caucus will be held in the basement of the court house on Saturday evening, Jan. 22, between the hours of 7 and 9. A general attendance is desired. By order of committeeman.

2-21 E. M. KERNS

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My pain was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

All Ready for Business.

To the Public:

Notwithstanding the total loss of my livery plant by fire on the 11th of December, I am ready for business in a new barn and am prepared to care for the transient trade and also furnish rigs at a moment's notice. Your patronage solicited.

A. T. PALMER.

Jan'y 11, 1898—3-3t

Lost.

Last Tuesday between the store of Mrs. N. A. Varney and the restaurant, at East Smethport, a small ladies' gold watch with short chain. Suitable reward will be given for the return of the watch to

MRS. MAY BUSH,
East Smethport.

I have for sale one carriage, one light single harness and one good bicycle. Would trade the above for a colt past two years old or pay cash for same. Call on or address:

R. H. DUNTLEY,
Smethport, Pa.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The finest of cream moulding 30 varities to select from. Call on L. Kenny Water street.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. C. D. Gates visited friends in Bradford Sunday.

Charles Latham spent Sunday with his family here.

Commissioner Lemuel Davis visited Kane over Sunday.

W. H. Morrison went to Erie on a visit last Saturday.

Mrs. John N. Apple spent Sunday with friends in Buffalo.

Miss Lydia Burlingame returned from Olean last Monday.

H. L. Burlingame visited relatives in Olean over Sunday.

R. E. Burdick transacted business in Olean last Saturday.

O. H. Goodsell of Olean spent Sunday with friends in town.

George Otto of Farmers Valley was a pleasant caller Monday.

Jacob Hafner of Clermont was in town the latter part of last week.

Darius Simpson of Turtle Point was a pleasant caller Monday.

Z. V. Weist of East Smethport visited Bef falo friends over Sunday.

John Heinemann of Colegrove was a pleasant caller on Tuesday.

A. Wicks of Cyclone was a pleasant caller at this office last Wednesday.

W. O. Gallup of Colegrove was a most agreeable caller last Monday.

Mrs. Fred McCoy took in the sights of Olean Saturday afternoon last.

Editor A. D. Goals of Eldred was in town for a brief time Monday.

John W. Baker of Bradford was an agreeable caller at this office Tuesday last.

C. N. Barrett of Port Allegany was transacting business in town Monday.

John W. Campbell of Kane kindly favored this office with a call yesterday.

Misses Helen and Ruth Forrest returned from a visit to Buffalo Tuesday evening.

Sheriff Davis and wife enjoyed a sleigh ride to Bradford last week for a visit among friends.

Miss Harriett Hamilton of Perry, N. Y., has been the guest of Mrs. Kittridge for several days.

Ed. Mulligan of Philadelphia, formerly of this place, has been the guest of B. F. Wright for a few days.

Mrs. Howard Merrill of Geneva, N. Y., arrived Tuesday night and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin.

Mrs. Lottie Durfee and Miss Flora Baker of Port Allegany were guests of Miss Belle Abbey on Thursday of last week.

Merlan A. Myers, treasurer of Warren county, was here last week and was a guest of G. W. Mitchell and W. H. Morrison.

Ned Newman started for Hattiesburg, Miss., last Saturday. He will visit along the route arriving at the above named place to-morrow.

Eugene Willard, an old time friend of ye editor formerly of Condersport, now of Ridgway, was a guest at the Wright House Wednesday.

Ex-Sheriff A. B. Walker of Bradford was greeting old friends in town last Tuesday. A visit to Smethport is evidently a pleasant pastime for Ash.

Gustine Cable came over from Bradford last Monday, and according to T. B. Clark's theory, Gustine lost his shoestacks in the Klondike regions at Ormsby.

Dennis Quinlisk came home from Blossburg last week and spent several days with his family. Mr. Q. says Blossburg is a nice town, but Smethport is the pleasantest town for him.

F. B. Grantier of Newark was a most agreeable caller at this office Monday. Mr. Grantier was on his way to Coudersport to attend the Farmers' Alliance convention to be held there.

Editor S. J. Colcord of the Potter Journal was in town Saturday last and of course pulled our latch string. Mr. Colcord is making a success of the Journal. May prosperity continue.

Pat Gaynor and John Mensel, the two thorough going supervisors of Sergeant township, were in town on Monday transacting official business. They were pleasant callers at this office. These two happy "coons" will be candidates for re-election. Sergeant township is to be congratulated on having two such efficient supervisors.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tatlock of Buffalo arrived in town Friday night last on their wedding trip. Mrs. Tatlock was formerly Miss Josephine Baker of this place. A number of her friends were waiting for the happy couple Friday evening at the residence of Frank Baker and rendered them a pleasant surprise, as well as several beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Tatlock departed Monday for Buffalo.

Dan Bacon and Charles Miller visited Clermont last Monday on a business mission. After a pleasant visit and a hearty supper at the Bayer House they started home. Soon after leaving the suburbs of Clermont they were somewhat startled by the terrifying screams of wild cats. Fortunately a little bull-dog was found in Mr. Miller's pocket which had a tendency to restore their waning courage and they rode safely home.

Well! Well!

Right through our town from Pittsburg to New York:

"G. W. Pierce, of this village, who is civil engineer of the N. Y. and P. R. R., calls our attention to an article found in the Troy, Pa., Gazette which may be of interest to many of our readers: Mr. Pierce surveyed a route eastward from Pittsburg many years ago and is well acquainted with the country such a road would be obliged to take. He says should such a road be built it would pass through a section between Canisteo and the State line. The article is as follows:

"It is rather a startling thought which will sometime take practical form, that in the lines of railroad between Pittsburg and New York 500 miles in length, there remains only a break of forty-eight miles to complete before a car could be sent between the Western Birmingham of Pennsylvania and the great commercial metropolis of New York. To-day between Greenwood and Canton, there is now less than twenty miles of connecting railroad to be completed, while the twenty-eight miles between Troy and Wellsboro if supplied with a railroad, would give a continuous line of rail for the whole distance. It is the hands of capitalists, the short roads that make this continuous chain of many links, would turn into a trunk line of vast commercial importance. The air line from New York to the West and Southwest so often talked of, will find its realization far earlier than the public understands. Pittsburg should seize its opportunity and no longer remain shut up to the mercy of one road, and that not its best purveyor for the anthracite trade, which must for all time be the main motive of any east and west road to the interior of the country."—Canisteo Republican.

Are Getting Weary.

The school board of Keating township have come to the conclusion that Mr. Lindsley has devoted sufficient time and space to "Barney Jackson," and as he has entered into a discussion of the Keating township school question and invited those interested for an open discussion in the Democrat, it is hoped that he will give the "bandorgan" a rest and devote some of his valuable time to matters in which we are more thoroughly interested.

A VOTER.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For Sale.

Forty acres, known as the Aden Hosler farm, situated on Blacksmith brook, two miles west of Smethport, Keating township, McKean Co., Pa., for sale, reserving half royalty on all minerals, oil, gas etc. Anyone wishing to make cash offer it will be considered.

JOSEPH HOUSLER,
Jan. 13, 1898. Lock Haven, Pa.

Enjoy Noise.

Come to the premises of A. Wicks, at Cyclone, Pa., Nov. 7, 1897, a spring calf, color red and white. Owner can have calf by calling and paying cost of keeping and advertising, or same will be sold according to law.

A. WICKS,
Cyclone, Pa., Jan. 11, 1898—3t

Wheeler Quest [illegible] at Bayer's [illegible] meal for all meals call at the [illegible] restaurant, 106 Canisteo street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[illegible] street railway [illegible] to melt the ice and [illegible] raising the fact of this [illegible] ing of councils Monday night the matter was brought up and a proposed ordinance to prohibit the sprinkling of saline matter on the street was referred to the street committee. The committee appointed to learn at what price the electric light plant could be bought stated that the price asked by the company was $65,000.

An important meeting of the Board of School Control was held last Friday. A new school building is to be built and for that purpose it is proposed to issue bonds to the amount of $25,000. A proposition to this effect is to be laid before the electors of the district. The bonds are to bear 5 per cent. interest, payable April 1 and October 1 of each year. Bonds to the amount of $12,000 are still out and payable, but it estimated, that a levy of one and three-fourths mills would take care of all bonds after the proposed issue.

Bradford is making an effort to have a base ball team in the Oil and Iron League for next season. Ground can be obtained west of the city, accessible by trolley, and if the street car company will fix it up, grade, build fences, bleachers, etc., a good season of sport will undoubtedly be the result. The company seems to take a favorable view of the proposition and there are reasonable hopes of a team.

Last Saturday evening the installation of officers of John S. Melvin Post took place, Hon. T. A. Morrison of Smethport installed the newly elected officers. The Women's Relief Corps also held an installation of officers at the same time and place, Mrs. Helen S. Morrison officiating. After the ceremonies a literary and musical program was rendered and an elegant supper served.

At a meeting of the board of health held a week ago last Tuesday evening, Dr. F. W. Winger was unanimously elected president for the remainder of the term, left vacant by the death of Dr. C. D. Buss. The question of the employment of a plumbing inspector is being agitated.

The present week is one of activity in religious circles in Bradford. Revival meetings are being held at the United Brethren church and the Salvation Army are observing the week as a period of self denial, fasting and prayer.

Mary Elizabeth Lease, the noted Kansas politician, will speak at the Church of Eternal Hope Saturday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. Lease will tell what she knows about Christ and Cæsar.

The managers of the electric street railway company are already making preparations for the summer's season. The road will probably be extended south of the city to Lewis Run and a summer resort made of that place.

Councilman Fitzgibbons of the Third ward slipped on an icy side walk last week, striking on the back of his head with such force as to render him unconscious. He was taken to his home and soon recovered.

The Pompelon Club at its meeting Saturday night discussed "The Restriction of Immigration." Major A. C. Hawkins opened the debate which was interesting, as these debates always are.

Mr. Josephs, who fell from the Smethport depot platform several weeks ago, sprained his ankle, has not recovered from the injuries and fears are entertained that he may be lamed for life.

Local amateurs are preparing to give a comic opera during the month of February. Miss Belle Button will lead the cast and Prof. J. B. Hopley will direct the affair.

The Free Police Brigade will give a fair and dance at Exchange Lyceum during this week beginning Feb. 11.

CLERMONT.

The Independent Gas Company is making arrangements to drill well No. 3 which is to be located in Bloomster hollow, a short distance east of No. 2 which has turned out to be a good gasser. They are also making the necessary preparations for piping the gas to Clermont, which means the gas instead of the, a reduction of nearly one-third.

A. V. Harvey has taken advantage of the recent fine weather and employed several carpenters. He now has his house up and enclosed and expects to complete the same before spring. This adds very much to the appearance of the island.

Frank Shelander, superintendent of the Independent Gas Co., was in town on Wednesday last. He reports the company in a flourishing condition.

M. E. Thompson is having some extensive repairs made on his restaurant on Pine street. Mr. Thompson is the right man in the right place.

L. Bayer is slowly regaining his health. He is now able to be about in his store a part of the time to oversee his business.

Mrs. T. B. Steinhaur is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Beckwith at Farmers Valley a few days.

Joe Goodman drove to Smethport on a business mission one day this week.

Wm. E. Butts and L. Steinhaper drove to Hazelhurst one day last week.

Business at the oil exchange is at a standstill these days.

Business is reviving at the temple of justice.

RIDERVILLE.

Gates and Taylor are furnishing the lumber which is being used at Newton to enlarge the chemical works of Hilton & Company.

Ben Taylor had the misfortune to get his foot jammed Tuesday, but not to a serious extent.

Henry Kurtz of South Dansville, N. Y., was calling on friends in this place last week.

Day Crites and Wayne Abbott of Ormsby were in town Tuesday evening.

Emily Quinn and Mrs. Johnson were in town on business last week.

S. Hazadorn was calling on friends in this place last week.

J. H. Marshall made a flying trip to Bradford last week.

William McGowan went to Turtle Point Saturday.

Horton Lee started to work at Marshburg Tuesday.

Mrs. and Miss Turk spent Sunday in Mt. Alton.

LARABEE.

Quite a number of our young people attended the revival service held by Rev. P. Mosier at Shaw Hollow last Sunday evening. During the two weeks that these meetings have been conducted many conversions have taken place and much good has been done.

Misses Emma Adams and Anna Byer spent Sunday last as the guests of their teacher, Miss Ethel Slack of Slack Hollow.

Mrs. Wm. Windsor, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Mae Windsor of Clermont is visiting in Clarksville, N. Y.

The Larabee choir was most pleasantly entertained at the home of F. C. Crandall Saturday evening.

Miss Lillian Valentine of Olean is visiting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Prentiss.

Mrs. Chas. Foster is visiting relatives in different towns in New York State.

L. H. Carpenter has taken possession of the new store and postoffice building.

No Griping or Pains.

Arrowsmith, Ill., Jan. 21, 1897.

Dear Sirs:—I have been bothered for 15 years with constipation and I have tried many preparations during that time. I commenced using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the fall of 1895 and unhesitatingly say it is the best remedy I have ever found for my trouble. No griping or pains after taking. Yours, etc., Wm. Hart. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddells, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, get a bottle of Snow Liniment. It will positively cure it and at once. Try it and recommend it to your friends. Sold at Chadwick's drug store.

J. A. Perkins of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Lumsden has the best Robes and Blankets. Let him show them and quote you prices.

Boots Lumsden has the Robes and Blankets. Let him show them and quote you prices.

Whoever needs a horse blanket should see Lumsden's stock before buying elsewhere.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? If so write for a catalog and prices [illegible] C. W. Lane & Co. Olean, N. Y.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News bearing date of April 1, 1898. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, relating, that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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pure drugs and medicines this store is the place to patronize.

Only the best can be found here.

The only place in Smethport where you can secure MULFORD'S ANTI-TOXINE for the cure of diphtheia.

A good smoke after supper will make you feel better. We handle the best brands on the market.

Best novels at greatly reduced prices.

Main & Mechanic Sts.,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Branch Store,

At the Bridge.

H. Warshafsky

of East Smethport has open'd a store in the Stickles' building, and offers goods at very low prices.

A Good Stock

Of fresh fish, oysters, fine crackers and everything that you need in that line. I am here to sell goods and I mean to do it at prices that will make the public buy

H. WARSHAFSKY,
Smethport, Pa.
Cor. Mechanic and Mill Sts.

TICKLED

Because I filled his tooth without pain.

I can do the same for you.

With the experience, the "know how," the facilities for best work.

Prices that are right.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. F. C. PIERCE,
Dentist.

S. HICKS,
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WILL TEST EYES AND FIT GLASSES AT

Dr. Chadwick's Drug Store,
Smethport, Pa.,

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26.

ALL ERRORS OF REFRACTION CORRECTED. TESTS FREE. CORRECTION GUARANTEED.

Order of Court for 1898 for McKean and Potter Counties.

And now, Dec. 18, 1897, it is ordered that hereafter until lawfully changed the regular terms of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and general jail delivery and Orphan's Courts of the county of McKean shall be held as follows, to-wit:

The fourth (4) Monday of February and continue one week.

The first (1st) Monday in June and continue one week.

The first (1st) Monday in October and continue one week.

And the second (2d) Monday in December and continue one week.

And the regular terms of the same Courts in the county of Potter shall be held as follows, to-wit:

The first (1) Monday in March and continue one week.

The second (2) Monday in June and continue one week.

The third (3) Monday in September and continue one week, and

The third (3) Monday in December and continue one week.

And the Prothonotary will cause this order to be published in three newspapers of general circulation in the county of McKean, the same to continue for six weeks next after publication by the county of Potter.

BY THE COURT.

Witness Chas. A. Mayer, Esq., President Judge of said Court, at Smethport, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1897.

Attest: From the Record.
GEO. W. MCCOMBS,
Prothonotary.

THIS WEEK

opens up the new year, 1898, so does FORD'S RED FRONT open up the "no profit" sale of ready to wear

CLOTHING FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN

You can select any Suit, Overcoat, Ulster or Reefer in our store and the price asked you is just what is paid the manufacturers this fall. Underwear, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Mittens, Trunks and Valises, all must go the same way.

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A pair of Skates FREE with every boys' Suit, Overcoat or Reefer no matter how cheap the Suit, Overcoat or Reefer may be, you get the Skates just the same.

When at Store of D. C. YOUNG Buying Your

Hosiery, Underwear, Dry Goods and Notions, Boots, Shoes, etc.,

do not forget to look through the fine grocery department, where you will find many things to tempt you at very reasonable prices, for instance—

Maple Syrup, guaranteed pure, per gal.,	$1.00
Pure Buckwheat Flour, 25 lb. sack,	60c
Fresh made Dairy Butter, per pound	25c
Worcestershire Sauce, Durkee's Salad Dressing and Snider's Home-made Catsup, per bottle,	25c
Coffee, per pound,	12 to 35c
Tea, " "	25 to 50c

And there are other goods too numerous to mention at prices that cannot be beaten. Call and examine for yourself. Courteous treatment whether you buy or not. All goods bought and sold for cash.

D. C. YOUNG,
Jan. 4, 1898. Smethport, Pa.

THE HARTFORD

Is the best

$50 WHEEL

in the world.

BECAUSE its frame is made of the famous "Pioneer" fifty per cent Carbon Steel Tubing.

BECAUSE the other materials and the workmanship are equal to those of almost any bicycle made.

BECAUSE the model is practical as well as graceful, embodying all the features which experience has shown to be of advantage to the rider.

Columbias, $60 and $75.

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SMETHPORT, PENN'A.

THE SHERIFF SALE

has not taken place az our good friends predicted. Yet we continue 2 give awa goods. They wer not stol nor wer our man Rouss beat out ov the price ov them. We hav the most wonderful bargains U ever saw in numerous goods. How did we get them? Our man Rouss used spot cash & secured whole lots from man'frs. 2 keep off Sheriff they cleaned out their stock at 1 what it cost to man'fr same. Also great bargains from sheriff sales. Just think ov this, a 10 qt. heavy tin pail, the 20c kind, for 6c.

11 in Wash Basin, 5c	2qt T or Coffee Pot, 7c
14 qt Dish Pan, 12c	4 qt T or Coffee Pot, 10c
4 qt cov'd Pail, 8c	1 pt Tin Cup, 2c

These prices hold good while present stock lasts. Best 75c steel shears, Hutch's patent & warranted best goods, 30c, Wade & Butcher razors, 35c. These R also warranted. Almost give away bargains in whips. A nu line of $6.00 dress pants going at $3.50 pair. Child's knee pants 45c & suits all wool $2.65. Men's $6.00 Overcoats, $3.15. $3.00 Coudersport pantz, $1.95. Heavy all wool.

CANDY! CANDY!! CANDY!!! Cheap, pure, good. Stick and cheap mixed 10c lb. 40c chocolates, 20c; various kinds and prices. Walnuts 11c lb, Brazil nuts 10c, pea nuts 5c quart. Oranges 1c each, hard time prices. "No maka money." A nu line of glassware, 5 & 10c goods, also yellow Rockingham ware, big assortment, chois 5c. U must C our marvelous bargains 2 appreciate them. Our store is a genuin curiosity shop. The more U look the more U C.

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New Goods! Lowest Prices!

My store is chock full of new goods and going at prices that are lower than ever before. Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, Mill Stuff, Hardware, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes and all kinds of Rubber Goods. Sole agent for Snag Proof Rubber Goods in this vicinity. Your patronage solicited. Yours Truly,

J. C. Stull.

Fresh Home Made Candy at

OYSTERS.
CANDIES.
CHOICE FRUITS.

Brasted's

BABY'S OLD MATCHES.

When dad has worn his trousers out,
They pass to brother John.
When brother trims them round about,
And William puts them on.

When William's hope too long have grown,
The trousers fall to little Tom.
So Walter strives them for his own
And shows himself inside 'em.

Next Sam's the boy they close invest,
And, when they won't stretch tighter,
They're turned and shortened, washed and pressed,
And fitted on me—the writer.

His worthy dame lists rags and cops
Then I have heard the children.
At doomsday we shall see (perhaps)
The last of dad's old breeches.
—New York Weekly.

SUSPICIONS.

The train from Namur lumbered heavily into the station at Malreux and ejected into momentary life its sleepy complement. About half a dozen passengers alighted, among whom was a tall, [illegible] Englishman. His searching glance warmed into a smile of pleasure as he strode hastily toward a Belgian gentleman who rushed to greet him with outstretched arms. With a string of ejaculations the Belgian led the way into the station yard, where an English [illegible] was waiting. They got in and [illegible] seated in a sleed of white [illegible] the little village of Durbuy. [illegible] an hour's brisk run they [illegible] through the village and [illegible] a pair of massive wrought iron gates. The horses lay at the further end of a short avenue of elms, along which they drove smartly. As the Belgian alighted a clock chimed [illegible].

"A quarter to 12," said he. "You will just have time to get rid of your travel stains before lunch."

"Yes, M. Barvaux, I should like to make myself rather more presentable before meeting the ladies," replied his friend, Jack Hague. In less than ten minutes he was once more spick and span, and as he went down stairs he found M. Barvaux awaiting him. As they entered the morning room in which lunch was to be served they were greeted by a couple of ladies, whom M. Barvaux introduced as his wife and her niece, Mlle. Richert.

The charming manner of his host soon made Jack perfectly at home. M. Barvaux spoke English quite fluently, and was rather proud of his accomplishment, but Jack was rather shy with his French at first, although the kind way in which the girl helped him over his difficulties enabled him to get along smoothly enough. But he found it much more pleasant to listen than to talk, and when Mlle. Richert began to speak of her love for the Ardennes he instantly became all eyes and ears.

It was quite a jolly little luncheon party, but amid the pleasantness there was something which Jack could not understand. Ever and anon the girl appeared abstracted and seemed to be watching M. Barvaux with a look of deep anxiety, and once when his wife placed her arm round the girl's neck affectionately Jack thought he perceived an expression of mingled hate and fear on the face of the Belgian as he gazed under his heavy eyebrows at the girl. At first Jack put it down as merely his fancy, but further observation convinced him that there was something wrong.

The days sped by all too quickly. Fishing in the Ourthe, which ran close by, or long rambles in the woods, gathering bilberries, occupied the hours of daylight, and in the evenings Jack sat as though under a spell while Mlle. Richert sang dainty old French love songs or extemporised dreamy melodies on the piano.

But still the jarring note which had struck Jack disturbed the pleasant harmony, and as day followed day his first suspicions were confirmed and intensified. However, he could discover no intelligible explanation of the numberless trivial incidents which, had not his attention been roused, would have entirely escaped him. All he could be certain about was that his host unmistakably manifested a strange antipathy toward his niece. This, however, did not prevent Jack and the girl from becoming close friends, and it seemed, at least to M. Barvaux, that their friendship was rapidly ripening into a much stronger feeling. Jack felt that his host was displeased at the turn of affairs, and he was therefore not very much surprised when M. Barvaux, seizing a suitable opportunity, asked him point blank what were his feelings toward the young lady. He replied with perfect frankness that he was over head and ears in love with her.

"Ah, my friend," replied M. Barvaux, "I am very sorry for you. I should have warned you earlier." Sinking his voice to a hoarse whisper he continued, "She is a murderess."

Jack stared at him in amazement. Had he suddenly taken leave of his senses? No, he seemed perfectly rational, although very agitated. In an excited voice he went on to describe how the girl was trying to poison him. Jack came to the conclusion that his friend was the victim of a hallucination and resolved to humour him.

"But she is so devoted to your wife," said he.

"Yes, and that is why I dare not speak. My wife thinks Angeline is an angel, and I am afraid to say anything."

On the next evening, the last one of Jack's stay, he was sitting in an easy chair among the window curtains when suddenly he heard the soft sweep of a woman's dress in the room. He turned and saw a figure in white.

"Angeline," was on his lips, and he was about to spring to his feet when he saw something which turned him to stone. She was standing at the sideboard with a thick green glass vial, the contents of which she was pouring into the decanter of wine specially reserved for M. Barvaux.

His host's suspicions were, then, correct. Oh, the horror of it! The girl he loved a poisoner! He could scarcely believe his senses, but after what M. Barvaux had told him doubt seemed no longer possible. The girl left the room as quickly as she had entered, closing the door as though afraid of being heard. Jack rushed to the sideboard. He unstoppered the decanter. Yes, there was undoubtedly a strange smell, which was not that of wine. What should he do—call Angeline and accuse her on the spot? He could not. Should he tell his friend? Should he pour away the poisoned wine? Should he— But before he could make up his mind M. Barvaux, looking rather pale and disturbed, walked in from the garden, and as he did so his wife and Angeline entered the room, and dinner was served. The girl was dressed in white, and a couple of glorious red roses gleamed in her black hair. Never before had she seemed so beautiful to Jack. He asked himself if it were possible that so divine a creature could harbour thoughts of murder in her soul. But he could not forget what he had just witnessed, and he resolved to be on his guard and prevent M. Barvaux drinking the wine.

Suppose, after all, he were to be wrong, how could he face the girl he loved after accusing her of such a foul and unnatural deed? He was too agitated to eat, and he observed that both M. Barvaux and Angeline seemed also preoccupied and ill at ease. At length he managed to make his host understand that he was not to touch the wine. The Belgian smiled with an almost sardonic expression, and eyed Angeline curiously. Presently he raised the decanter and filled the glass with his deep set black eyes.

"Allow me, Angeline," he said, "to pour you out a glass of wine."

"[illegible] thank you," stammered the [illegible]

"[illegible] I will take no refusal," he cried, springing to his feet and seizing her glass. The girl turned deadly pale and seemed to lose her [illegible] of self-will. Half mechanically she took the glass of wine and raised it to her lips. She emptied it at one gulp, and then sank back in her chair, where she lay still and white. With a cry of terror Mme. Barvaux rushed to her assistance, but her husband commanded her not to touch the girl. Jack was on his feet in an instant, but was too bewildered to know how to act. With a sickening sense of the confirmation of his worst suspicions he concluded that the girl was poisoned, and off he rushed for the doctor. By good fortune he ran across the very person he was seeking. In a few words he told him his errand and implored him to return with him at all haste.

"It is a matter of life and death," he cried. "Let us run."

"Certainly, if you wish it," replied the doctor, "although I may tell you matters are not so serious as you imagine."

"But"—

"Permit me to explain, monsieur. The young lady is not poisoned at all, as you will see. The wine she drank was intended for M. Barvaux, was it not?"

"Yes, I believe so."

"Well, you must know that he is subject to periodical fits of homicidal madness, and when these attacks are coming on it becomes necessary to administer powerful opiates to him without his knowledge. The paroxysm passed, he is once more the calm and cultured gentleman you know, but at times treatment it would probably become necessary to put him under restraint. I was just about to pay my customary visit tonight when you met me, for I was expecting an outbreak."

Jack was relieved beyond measure on hearing the doctor's story, but the thought that he had left the girl he loved with a man subject to homicidal mania moderated his feelings of satisfaction, and, anxious to get back to assure himself of her safety, he tore away from the doctor, for he felt that, if an attack suddenly manifested itself in M. Barvaux, Angeline, as being the person who had raised his suspicions, would probably be the first victim of his mad rage.

Indeed he arrived none too soon. Mme. Barvaux was crouching in an agony of terror at the feet of the unconscious girl, while her husband was standing over them gesticulating wildly. Jack speedily overpowered him, and a few minutes afterward the doctor arrived, whose presence had a wonderfully soothing effect on the unfortunate gentleman. Under the doctor's care Angeline soon recovered, but both she and Mme. Barvaux were very much upset and were glad when Jack decided to stay a few days longer. They were days of infinite happiness for both him and Angeline, and when at length his stay came to its end the Brussels express bore away a reluctant but very happy man, to whose ears the rhythmic rumble of the wheels seemed to say, "Angeline, Angeline, Angeline!"—London Sun.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

High Engine and Fire Room Temperatures on a Warship.

The great internal heat that rendered the Amphitrite inefficient was due to lack of provision for ventilation in the engine and boiler spaces. These regions became so hot that little useful work could be done in them, and the lack of air was such as to actually ruin the furnace draft, smoke coming out freely from the holes in the furnace doors. Aside from two small ash hoist tubes in the central part of the fireroom and a small escape hatch forward, there were no openings from the fireroom to the outer air.

The boilers reached nearly to the iron main deck of the vessel, and as the air above them and between the deck beams had no escape it became greatly heated and lay roasting in those spaces. It was impossible for a man to go on the gratings behind the upper parts of the boilers after they had been under steam a few hours, though the main and auxiliary stop valves were there. A board of officers that reported on temperatures in the vessel got at this place only by introducing a thermometer on the end of a long pole, and this thermometer, when fished out and taken to a place where it could be read, showed 202 degrees.

The superstructure containing the cabin and wardroom was directly above the engine and boiler rooms, with a light wooden floor laid over the iron main deck. At sea, with the doors closed, this habitation became exactly like a frying pan on a hot stove lid. The smoke pipe, partly uncovered for alleged ventilating purposes, passed through the center of the wardroom and by vigorous radiation contributed its full share to the general discomfort. The deck, in spite of its wooden sheathing, was so hot as to be painful, and I hesitate to say from memory the temperatures the board reported as being usual in the rooms, in bureau drawers, on the wardroom table and in other parts of the officers' quarters. It was as high as 112 degrees, and I think greater. Sleep was only a period of unconsciousness, induced by utter exhaustion, and was without restful quality.

The fireroom temperature was never below 150 degrees and often above 170, while the engine room ranged closely about 150 degrees. For the first 24 hours the men stood it well, but on the second day seven succumbed to the heat and were put on the sick list, one of them nearly dying. Before the voyage was ended 28 had been driven to sick medical attendance.

On the evening of the fourth day out our men had literally fought with fire to a finish and had been vanquished. The watch on duty broke down one by one and the engines, after lumbering along slower and slower, actually stopped for lack of steam. The ship was allowed to drift inshore on the tide and was finally brought to an anchor in St. Simon's sound. Though a warship of formidable characteristics and sent on this distant service, it is doubtful if the Amphitrite could have gone into action at that time or have steamed 100 miles farther to save herself.—F. M. Bennett, U. S. N., in Cassier's Magazine.

Ignorance In Motion.

I do not in the least mind if England, when the people are less ignorant and more experienced in self government, eventually becomes a democracy. But violent, selfish, unreasoning democracy would bring expensive bureaucracy and the iron rule of a Cromwell. Let the demagogue remember "Liberty forgetful of others is license, and nothing better than treason." The hero of the morning is too often the traitor of the afternoon. It was the mob who smashed the Duke of Wellington's windows on the anniversary of Waterloo. As Goethe says, "The worst thing in the world is ignorance in motion." The world would grow into the wickedest of worlds should all this babble and gabble ever succeed in impressing on the people that the obligations of contract are mere tyranny and that law is nothing but coercion.—Tennyson.

A Minister's Invention.

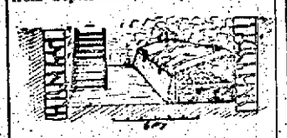
The Very Rev. Dean H. Martyn Hart of St. John's cathedral, Denver, is said to have perfected an invention which is calculated to revolutionize the rubber trade. Napier Ford discovered a method of oxidizing oils, and when he died in London two years ago he handed his invention to Charles Griest, who made some improvements in it and then turned it over to Dean Hart. The dean, who is an expert chemist, worked on it for months, and finally made it valuable commercially. The business end of the process was turned over to Dr. John Gower, who went to London and organized a company for its manufacture. The new substance is called porcboid. It will cost only about 2 or 6 cents a pound. Dean Hart will go to Washington to see about the patents.—Exchange.

FARM AND GARDEN

GROWING MUSHROOMS.

Desirable Places For the Beds—Conditions Upon Which Success Depends.

Mushrooms are easy to grow, and beginners are often quite successful with them. The important thing is to keep the spawn alive and spreading. Mushrooms are a winter crop, coming in from September till May—that is, the



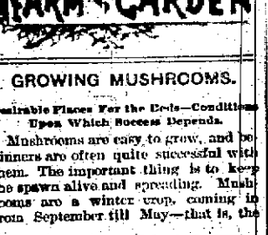
MUSHROOM BED IN COOL CELLAR.

work of preparing the manure begins in September and ends in February, and the packing of the crop begins in October or November and ends in May. Under extraordinary conditions the season begins earlier and lasts longer and, in fact, may continue all summer.

Mushrooms can be grown almost anywhere out of doors and also indoors where there is a dry bottom on which to set the beds, where a uniform and moderate temperature can be maintained and where the beds can be protected from wet overhead and from winds, drought and direct sunshine. To grow mushrooms for profit they should be cultivated only under the most favorable circumstances. Total darkness is not imperative, but temperature and moisture are more apt to be equable in dark places, and it is largely for this reason that mushroom houses are kept dark.

A cellar is an excellent place in which to grow mushrooms. If the floor is free from water, it matters not whether it is made of cement or of wood. The windows and doors should be closed up and darkened. In case only a part of the cellar is devoted to the beds, this part should be partitioned off with cheap boards, or if that is impracticable the beds themselves may be covered over with mats, straw, etc., or may be boarded up. If the cellar is not heated, the beds should be built on the floor only and should be 14 inches deep. If the cellar is heated, besides the beds on the floor, shelf beds eight to ten inches deep may be used. In the case of a cool cellar, a warm shed or a tunnel being given up altogether to mushrooms, it is not an uncommon way to spread the beds, or bed rather; all over the floor, with a path one board wide raised over the bed.

A cave or a tunnel is practically the same as a cellar, except that these are seldom artificially heated. For this reason the beds are seldom in raised shelves,



SHELF BEDS IN WARM CELLAR.

but are nearly always built on the floor. With beds built in this way and a good dry bottom, caves or tunnels make excellent places in which to grow the crop. A mushroom house is generally a wooden building built above ground or partly sunk. Any house or shed that can be kept tight, warm and moderately moist will answer. The empty spaces under the benches in greenhouses are good places for mushroom beds.—William Falconer in Farmers' Bulletin.

Storing Potatoes.

Potato crop reports from all over the eastern states agree in stating that rot or blight has widely prevailed. Rural New Yorker says: While it is likely that potatoes will bring a high price before spring, our own plan this year is to sell the crop as soon as we conveniently can. Storage in the damp soil during hot or muggy weather or in a warm, damp and close cellar will be favorable for the growth of the germs, and rot will surely spread through the tubers. Those who can keep the potatoes in a dry, cool and well ventilated place may possibly do better by holding them for a later trade.

When dug out of fields where the vines have blighted, we would dust a handful of air slaked lime over each bushel of potatoes intended for storage. For the benefit of succeeding crops we would rake up the vines and burn them at once. Readers might as well make up their minds now that seed potatoes will be high next spring. Last April we ought excellent seed at $1 per barrel. It is now impossible to contract for the same varieties for next spring's delivery for less than $3.

Silage or Corn Fodder?

The actual results of the trials made at the New Jersey station to determine the cost and feeding value of the dry matter of dried corn fodder and of silage may be briefly stated as follows:

The cost of harvesting, storing and preparing the dry matter contained in corn was greater in the form of silage than in the form of dried fodder.

The changes that occur in the composition of silage were not such as to decrease its feeding value in a greater degree than those which occur in the process of curing corn fodder and that the losses due to spoiling in the silo amounted to 4 per cent of the total amount stored.

For milk and butter production the feeding value of the dry matter of the silage was greater than that of the dried fodder corn. The yield of milk was 12.8 per cent greater and the yield of fat 10.4 per cent greater.

The Birth of the "Greater" New York.

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KELP GATHERERS

THE IRISH PEOPLE AND THEIR HOMES ON THE ISLAND OF MYNISH.

Rude Cabins Which a Rude and Untaught Folk Call Home—Their Vocation Not a Very Remunerative One, but They Are Strong and Healthy Men.

Right on the western borders of the land, and upon the numerous islands and peninsulas which are the common natural features of this broken part of the Irish coast, the kelp gatherers live. In a certain sense they seem to be an amphibious sort of folk and draw their sustenance, apparently always more or less scanty and precarious, from sea and land alike. Let us picture their existence for a moment, such as we may see it on the island of Mynish, not far from Roundstone bay, off the Galway coast. Imagine an island, about 12 miles in circumference, connected with the mainland by a kind of viaduct recently constructed by government, low lying and a wind swept by the numerous gales of ocean, but crowded with a population of several hundred human beings. Every little cove or bay will have its cluster of cottages, with their fishing boats anchored close by, ready to run down the bay for mackerel or to fetch a load of kelp from the neighboring rocks when wind and weather permit.

The surface of the island itself, which is strewn with huge granite stones and bowlders, is parceled out with the most exact and scrutinizing jealousy, and if you attempt a short cut across country from one point to another your way is blocked by a continual succession of loosely constructed stone walls serving as partitions between an innumerable series of diminutive plots. So intricate and puzzling is the arrangement of these plots that you are not at all surprised to hear that they are a source of litigation between the owners of the cottages, who are very fond of invoking the law in spite of their poverty stricken condition.

"Cottages" we call them, for the sake of courtesy, but whereas the word "cottage" calls up in the English sense some bright and picturesque surroundings and some appearance of comfort these cottages or cabins of the kelp gatherers suggest every kind of discomfort. The walls are built of the undressed granite blocks picked up from the surface of the island and loosely put together according to the rules of a very primitive masonry. But the roof is sometimes of sod, and more often of reed. The absurd contrast between the strength and stability of the walls and the feeble character of the roof strikes the eye immediately. The floors are of very unsatisfactory character, as they are simply uneven pavements with muddy interstices and calculated to retain every kind of filth and abomination. It would be almost impossible to sweep these floors clean even if there existed the will to do it.

If there is any glass, it is simply mortised into some little chink, and window frames are unknown—partly because wood is scarce and expensive and partly because the fisher folk do not desire a window that will open.

As far as accommodation is concerned, there are only two rooms on the ground floor—one to be used as a kitchen and sitting room, the other to sleep in, no matter the number of the family party. Sometimes there is a kind of loft overhead on the kitchen, where some of the occupants can sleep. Outside there is no pigsty or cowshed or any other "office" which we are accustomed to connect with the ideas of comfort and decency. In cold and rough weather the pig and even the cow are admitted to the hospitality of the hearth, and this accounts for their very friendly and sociable character. As far as "rint" is concerned, the kelper cannot complain greatly, as it is a judicial "rint" and he cannot be ejected, no matter how he lives, as long as the rent is paid.

Sometimes a kelper has a right to a common adjoining and can run a few black faced sheep and some of the black cattle of the country, and whenever he is in a position to save money he prefers to put it in stock rather than to commit it to the keeping of a savings bank. Here and there on the island you may chance across a little circle of stone in a retired nook. You need not puzzle long over it as if it were some archæological find, for it is simply the foundation of a kelp stack that has been piled up inside it, and the calcined appearance of the stones, together with the ashes around them, will immediately reveal its use to you. Far away along the windings of some distant cove you will often see the smoke of these kelp fires rolling heavily out to sea, and the kelp stacks themselves are among the common objects of the seashore, with the long trailing kelp weed drooping down their sides. These have been won with much labor from the deep, and the yearly wage paid to the Mynish islanders by the kelp company is nearly £2,000.

Kelp is, indeed, the main source of their wealth, and many a voyage has to be taken before a ton of kelp is procured. The weed burns down to a viscous, gelatinous mass under the action of the fire and then cools down to hard and rugged blocks. The kelpers live on fish, milk, tea, bread and eggs chiefly, but seldom on butchers' meat and bacon, for the pig is really the "gintleman that pays the rint." Still, in spite of hardships, the kelpers are strong and healthy men. They would make splendid recruits for the navy, but if they leave their native rocks they find their way to the United States or our colonies.—St. James Gazette.

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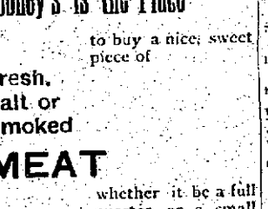

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Clermont Accom daily except Sunday 12:17 p. m.
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*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

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3:25 p. m.—Train 4, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 8:50 a. m., New York 9:35 a. m., Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:40 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:55 a. m., New York 9:35 a. m., week days (10:35 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway and intermediate stations.

10:30 a. m.—Train 5, daily for Erie and week